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1. SUMMARY: SOVIETS EVIDENTLY ON SAME WAVE-LENGTH
AS U.S. REGARDING NPT PREPCOM AND WOULD LIKE U.S. AND UK
REPS TO MEET WITH ROSHCIN MARCH 29 IN GENEVA FOR FINAL
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ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS. THEY ARE NON-COMMITTAL ON PROPOSAL

TO HAVE CANADIAN AMB. BARTON CHAIR PREPCOM. ACTION REQUESTED:
AUTHORIZE EMBASSY TO INFORM MFA WHETHER U.S. REP WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR PROPOSED MARCH 29 MEETING OF DEPOSITARY REPS.
END SUMMARY.

2. EMOFF CALLED MARCH 18 ON YURI K. NAZARKIN, COUNSELOR
IN MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION WHO FOLLOWS
NPT, FOR REVIEW OF U.S. VIEWS ON PREPCOM AS OUTLINED REFTELS.
EMBOFF STRESSED POINT THAT NON-MEMBERS OF PREPCOM SHOULD
NOT ATTEND EXCEPT TO PRESENT VIEWS ON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS.
NAZARKIN ASKED WHETHER THIS MEANT THERE WOULD BE NO RPT NO
"INSTITUTION" OF OBSERVERS, AND EMBOFF CONFIRMED THAT THIS
WAS IN EFFECT OUR POSITION. EMBOFF OUTLINED REASONS WHY
CANADA AS A COUNTRY AND BARTON PERSONALLY WOULD BE SUITABLE
FOR CHAIRMANSHIP. NAZARKIN ASKED WHETHER WE THOUGHT HE
SHOULD SIMPLY CHAIR FIRST MEETING, OR WHETHER HE SHOULD
CONTINUE THROUGHOUT PREPCOM. EMBOFF INDICATED OUR STRONG
PREFERENCE FOR SINGLE CHAIRMAN PER REF C.

3. NAZARKIN WAS AWARE OF VORONTSOV'S CALL ON ZURHELLEN AND
WAS THUS PRIMED TO PROVIDE "PERSONAL" REACTIONS TO SEVERAL
POINTS, ALTHOUGH HE CAUTIONED THAT CHIEF RESPONSIBILITY FOR
PREPCOM CONSULTATIONS HAD BEEN DELEGATED TO AMBASSADOR MALIK
IN NEW YORK AND HE COULD NOT SPEAK DEFINITELY. HE SAID
ROSHCHIN WOULD LEAD SOVIET DELEGATION TO PREPCOM, ACCOMPANIED
BY NAZARKIN, AND WOULD ARRIVE GENEVA IN MORNING OF MARCH 29.
ROSHCHIN WOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENT
REPS (U.S. AND UK) IN AFTERNOON OF MARCH 29 TO IRON OUT FINAL
DETAILS OF CONSULTATIONS BEFORE FIRST MEETING OF PREPCOM.
HE UNDERSTOOD ZURHELLEN WOULD LEAD U.S. DELEGATION. EMBOFF
WAS UNABLE TO CONFIRM.

4. SOVIETS HAD NOT HAD FINAL REPORT FROM MALIK ON PLACE
AND DATES, BUT SO FAR THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO APRIL 1
OPENING IN GENEVA. NAZARKIN AGREED THAT MARCH 20 WAS REASON-
ABLE TARGET FOR ASKING UN SECRETARIAT TO CIRCULATE INFORMATION
ABOUT TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING, AND HE ALSO AGREED THAT THERE
WAS NO NEED FOR FORMAL INVITATION FROM UNSYG. TOPICS FOR FIRST
MEETING SUGGESTED BY U.S. POSED NO PROBLEMS, AND SOVIETS WERE
AGREEABLE TO GENEVA AS SITE OF FUTURE PREPCOM MEETINGS IF
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THAT WAS WHAT MEMBERS WANTED. ON CHAIRMANSHIP QUESTION, HE
SAID HE WOULD REPORT U.S. VIEWS BUT WAS COMPLETELY NON-
COMMITTAL. HE SHOWED NO SURPRISE OR OBJECTION TO PROPOSED
ATTENDANCE OF SYG REP PASTINEN AND REPRESENTATIVE FROM IAEA.

5. NAZARKIN WONDERED, AGAIN ON "PERSONAL" BASIS, WHAT WOULD
BE THE EFFECT ON PREPCOM MEMBERSHIP IF DURING PERIOD OF ITS
MEETINGS THERE SHOULD BE ADDITIONS TO LIST OF STATES ELIGIBLE

FOR MEMBERSHIP, I.E., NPT PARTIES WHO WERE ALSO MEMBERS OF
CCD OR IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS. (WE PRESUME HE HAS IN MIND
FRG, BUT NEITHER HE NOR EMBOFF MENTIONED ANY COUNTRY BY NAME.)
HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THIS QUESTION TO BE GIVEN
SOME THOUGHT, SO THAT IT COULD BE ADDRESSED IN GENEVA IF IT
CAME UP.
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